
A Message from the Dean...

When You've Blown it Royally

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

1 Samuel 11:1

What a gripping, poignant verse. It was the time of year when kings went out to battle, and David remained behind at Jerusalem. And that's when the trouble began. David had shirked his duty. He was in the wrong place at the wrong time, and it was all David's fault.

Of course, his being in the wrong place at the wrong time led to his seeing Bathsheba at a weak moment . . . which led to his adultery . . . which led to her getting pregnant . . . which led to his needing to cover up their sin . . . which led to his having Uriah her husband put to death in a most cowardly way.

But that's not where the story ends. The central theme of this Bible passage is that God redeems-us, broken situations, the world. And this story of King David is no exception.

As the story goes, David did repent and return to the Lord. The child born to this illicit relationship would become king after David.

Really? We say? God let this illicit child become king of Israel? That's not fair! No, it's not fair. It's redemption.

It is in our nature to seek revenge. It is in God's nature to forgive and move on.

Remember that the next time you find you've blown it.

Blessings,

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